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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UNOFFICIAL BRITISH TRANSLATION OF
MFA NOTE OF AUGUST 25 GIVEN TO HEADS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS
IN BAGHDAD:

2. QUOTE: "MFA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS AND HAS HONOR TO
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INFORM THEM THAT, AT TIME WHEN IRAQ EXPRESSED ITS SINCERITY

AND GOOD INTENTIONS BY ACCEPTING SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 348 OF 28 MAY 1974, AND HAD ACTUALLY COMMENCED NEGOTIATIONS IN ISTANBUL IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT WITHOUT DELAY THE RESOLUTION BY LAYING DOWN AN AGENDA TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS OUTSTANDING BETWEEN IRAQI AND IRAN, AND AT A TIME DURING WHICH THE TWO DELEGATIONS ARE CONTINUING THEIR MEETINGS TO THIS END, AND IN VIOLATIONS OF PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF THE RESOLUTION WHICH REQUIRES THE STRICT OBSERVANCE OF THE CEASE-FIRE AND IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF ARMED FORCES, THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT CONTINUED TO CONSOLIDATE ITS TROOP CONCENTRATIONS ALONG THE IRAQI/IRANIAN BORDER. ON THE 21ST OF THIS MONTH THESE AMOUNTED TO THREE ARMORED DIVISIONS, TWO INFANTRY DIVISIONS AND TWO INDEPENDENT INFANTRY BRIGADES FORMING A LARGE PROPORTION OF THE IRANIAN ARMY. IRAN HAS PLACED ALL THE AIR BASES ON FULL ALERT AND HAS ALERTED THE REMAINDER OF THE IRANIAN ARMY UNITS.

3. "AT 1635 HOURS ON THE 22ND OF THIS MONTH, IRANIAN AIRCRAFT VIOLATED IRAQI AIR-SPACE DEEP WITHIN THE RAWANDUS AREA AT SPEEDS OF 700 MPH. DURING THE NIGHT 23/24TH OF THIS MONTH, IRANIAN MILITARY UNITS, USING LIGHT WEAPONS SUPPORTED BY MORTARS, ATTACKED THE POLICE POST AT QAAQAA IN KHANAQIN DISTRICT. THE ATTACK WAS RESISTED BY THE IRAQI POLICE AND LED TO THE DEATH OF ONE IRAQI POLICEMAN AND THE WOUNDING OF OTHERS.

4. "IT IS CLEAR THAT THE IRANIAN MEASURES ARE INTENDED TO IMPEDE THE EFFORTS AIMED AT CARRYING OUT THE COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPRESENTATIVE, AND THAT THE IRANIAN GOVERNMENT ALONE BEARS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OUTCOME. END QUOTE.

5. COMMENT BY SEPTTEL. LOWRIE

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